of different Ministries/Departments included in the programme, which are considered amenable to earmarking, and are monitored through their separate monitoring mechanisms. The implementation of the programme is monitored at the State/UT and district levels by the State/district level committees for implementation of the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities. At the Centre, the progress of implementation of programme, monitored and reported by the various Ministries/Departments concerned, is reviewed on half yearly basis by a Committee of Secretaries and by the Cabinet. In addition to this, quarterly review meetings are held in the Ministry of Minority Affairs with the nodal officers of the Ministries/Departments concerned.

Literacy among Muslim women

2505.SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that percentage of literates among Muslim women is lower, particularly in rural areas and in poor families, which is almost 20 per cent less than other communities; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed by Government to improve the situation, to organize free, compulsory education upto graduate level for women from minority communities, by extending boarding and hostel facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Community-wise literacy rates for women are given in the Statement *(See* below).

(b) Information will be laid on the table of the House.

Statement

Literacy rate (Females) by religious communities - 2001
(India, States and Union territories)

India/ States/ Union territories	All religious communities	Hindus	Muslims	Christians	Sikhs	Buddhists	Jains	Others
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
India	53.7	53.2	50.1	76.2	63.1	61.7	90.6	33.2
Jammu & Kashmir	43.0	59.0	34.9	60.9	77.6	49.0	83.3	37.8
Himachal Pradesh	67.4	67.7	46.6	79.5	76.2	64.7	94.8	74.3
Punjab	63.4	68.3	43.4	47.0	61.2	64.4	94.2	60.7
Chandigarh	76.5	74.2	56.3	85.1	88.5	89.1	95.8	69.4
Uttaranchal	59.6	61.7	40.3	85.3	64.2	68.0	94.4	52.3
Haryana	55.7	57.1	21.5	81.8	62.2	54:9	90.7	57.7

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Delhi	74.7	75.4	59.1	91.7	89.1	75.6	95.1	86.5
Rajasthan	43.9	43.2	40.8	77.7	53.8	55.1	89.3	40.2
Uttar Pradesh	42.2	43.1	37.4	67.4	63.8	40.3	90.3	52.0
Bihar	33.1	33.4	31.5	66.4	73.3	42.2	90.8	14.9
Sikkim	60.4	60.5	52.0	65.2	87.1	59.8	86.2	54.5
Arunachal Pradesh	43.5	52.4	44.9	37.8	79.2	34.6	75.7	42.7
Nagaland	61.5	65.6	33.3	61.6	72.7	70.1	92.2	37.8
Manipur	60.5	64.7	41.6	58.5	79.8	38.2	93.5	63.4
Mizoram	86.7	81.2	57.4	91.4	88.7	34.5	55.7	94.1
Tripura	64.9	67.3	51.4	57.3	89.5	37.4	78.4	65.3
Meghalaya	59.6	60.3	35.2	63.3	64.1	64.3	65.3	44.7
Assam	54.6	61.1	40.2	48.0	83.8	60.4	93.0	67.8
West Bengal	59.6	63.1	49.8	62.3	82.0	66.2	88.9	34.2
Jharkhand	38.9	39.2	42.7	59.8	82.3	48.7	86.0	25.1
Orissa	50.5	50.6	62.3	44.1	86.1	58.8	89.6	26.5
Chhattisgarh	51.9	50.8	74.0	68.2	84.7	76.9	94.8	38.4,
Madhya Pradesh	50.3	49.0	60.1	81.4	76.7	62.6	93.6	37.6
Gujarat	57.8	56.7	63.5	71.2	79.7	58.6	93.5	64.1
Daman & Diu	65.6	64.4	72.4	82.7	89.4	63.0	91.6	80.5
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	40.2	38.7	72.9	50.8	95.2	43.1	90.7	78.9
Maharashtra	67.0	65.9	70.8	87.4	84.5	65.2	92.3	64.8
Andhra Pradesh	50.4	49.2	59.1	69.8	72.7	41.0	89.6	63.2
Karnataka	56.9	55.3	63.0	84.0	77.3	42.0	77.2	57.2
Goa	75.4	74.2	70.0	78.8	94.9	75.6	95.2	63.2
Lakshadweep	80.5	95.8	80.2	96.4	-	100.0	-	-
Kerala	87.7	86.7	85.5	93.5	89.1	88.4	93.4	89.1

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Tamil Nadu	64.4	62.4	76.2	81.6	77.2	80.6	88.4	81.7
Pondicherry	73.9	72.5	82.6	82.9	78.1	93.3	93.6	86.4
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	75.2	75.1	86.8	71.6	90.7	83.0	100.0	81.1

Note: 1. Population figures for India and Manipur exclude those of Mao Maram, Paomata and Purul sub-divisions of Senapati district of Manipur.

2. All religious commuities include 'Religion not stated'.

Progress of New 15 Point Programme

2506.SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the progress made so far in implementing Prime Ministers' New 15 Point Programme for the welfare of Minorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): Progress made in the implementation of The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities in 2008-09 is given below:-

Sl.No.	Name of the scheme and Ministry/Dept. concerned	Physical achievement
1.	Merit-cum-means scholarship for students from the minority communities [Ministry of Minority Affairs]	26,195
2.	Post-matric scholarship for students from the minority communities [Ministry of Minority Affairs]	1,50,532
3.	Pre-matric scholarship for students from the minority communities [Ministry of Minority Affairs]	5,12,657
4.	Free coaching & allied scheme for students/candidates from the minority communities [Ministry of Minority Affairs]	5,522

Progress made in the implementation of schemes included in the 15 Point Programme, considered amenable to earmarking, where targets for minorities were fixed for 2008-09, is given below:

Sl.No.	Name of the scheme and Ministry/Dept. concerned	Physical achievement
1	2	3
1.	Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) [Department of School Education & Literacy]	
(i)	Number of primary schools constructed	3266
(ii)	Number of upper primary schools constructed	2662
(iii)	Number of additional classrooms constructed	15563